

ROWING CHALLENGE.

To-day's *Advertiser* will contain George's challenge to any oarsman in the United States or Canada for any amount of money and the championship of America, the race to be rowed prior to the Tackett mail in July next.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

The tenth symphony concert by Damrosch's orchestra will be given this afternoon at Steinway Hall.

A number of Cuban artists and a corps of the city will contribute to an amateur musical and dramatic performance in aid of the sick and wounded of the Cuban patriot army this evening in the Theatre Francaise.

The mothers of the city who desire to make their children happy cannot do so more effectively than by permitting them to witness "The Babes in the Wood" at the Eagle Theatre. The pantomime and action are better than that of "Humpty Dumpty," which is saying a great deal.

The Oratorio Society of New York give their second concert of the fifth season this evening, at Steinway Hall. The subject of the occasion is the "Messiah," and the artists are Miss Helen Thuraby, Anna Orandis, Messrs. George Simpson, Frank Remberts, and S. P. Warren organist.

Modjeska gives her second matinee at the Fifth Avenue Theatre to-day, repeating her remarkable performance in "Agnes de' Rossi," which has been so well received by both the press and the public. Modjeska will also be "at home" at the Fifth Avenue on New Year's Day, when an early holiday matinee will be given.

Miss Fanny Davenport takes a benefit to-night at Booth's Theatre. It will be her last appearance in the city for a long time. "Twelfth Night" will be repeated at the Prince and, at night, "The Merchant of Venice." Her last appearance in the city will be at the "School for Ladies."

GHASTLY DEVOTION.

A man visited the Sag Harbor Cemetery a few days ago to remove the remains of his wife, buried about twenty years ago, and placed a coffin over her bones. He was admitted there all very easily with the exception of the skull; this would not permit shutting down the case. Instead of procuring a larger one he coolly split the skull with his spade and drove it in.

MAY BELL'S BAILEY.

Marie Lillian C. Bell, infant daughter of the unfortunate Mrs. May Bell, whose sad and untimely death a few days ago still fresh in the public mind, died on Thursday at the residence of its foster mother, Mrs. Nicholas, General William H. Franklin, Hartford, by the side of the mother in Greenwood Cemetery.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Senator William H. Barnum, of Connecticut, and General Silas Seymour, of Quebec, are at the Fifth Avenue. State Comptroller Frederick P. O'cott, of Albany, and ex-Governor J. B. Page, of Vermont, are at the Windsor. Ex-Governor Henry B. Cooke, of the District of Columbia, and Colonel George A. Porter, of New York, are at the Marlborough. General John Wood, of Crown Point, N. Y., and General John M. Corse, of Chicago, are at the Gilsey. C. H. Northam, of Hartford, and J. D. Layng, General Manager of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, are at the Hotel. General Joseph W. Smith, of Salt Lake City, is at the Albemarle. Casper Croninshield, of Boston, is at the Hoffman.

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